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Sent: Mon 3/30/2015 6:31:55 PM
Subject: Re: Presentation about Animas River to Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad staff

I am looking forward to the presentation. I can give you some of the more common questions- why is the river that color, how deep is the river, is the river safe to drink, what is the temperature of the river, are there fish in the river, where does the river start and end, what makes those rocks red in the river, do the mines leak toxins in the river?
As Rail Rangers we are always interested in information that helps us educate the passengers on the train as well as ourselves. Thank you, Cindy

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 30, 2015, at 12:20 PM, Peterson, Cynthia <Peterson.Cynthia@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello, Cindy.

I'm a community involvement coordinator with the US Environmental Protection Agency working in the Upper Animas watershed. We have been asked by the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad to help their employees answer questions they might receive from passengers about the Animas River and its tributaries. We have been invited to give a short presentation to the railroad employees at their annual meeting on April 29 or 30.

We met with Beverly Burton last week to discuss the presentation, and she mentioned that there are Forest Service Rail Rangers on most trips. She gave me your name as the volunteer coordinator for the Rail Rangers.

I'm developing a short fact sheet with answers to frequently asked questions about the river. The plan is to have a few copies on each train if questions about the river come up. I wanted to reach out to you and your volunteers to see if you know of any specific questions that are asked by railroad passengers during the trip, or if you have any information we should be sure to include in our fact sheet.

Unfortunately the turnaround is pretty quick for putting our fact sheet and presentation together. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, could you get them to me by April 15?

Thank you for your help,

Cynthia

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